

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 1-4 and 14-32 are rejected. Claims 5-13 are objected to. Claims 1, 6, 11, 13, 28-30, and 32 are amended. Claims 5 and 27 are canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-26 and 28-32 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 1-4, 14-28, 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Roelofs et al. (the Roelofs et al., article, in sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, on pages 268-270). Claims 23, 29 and 32 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roelofs et al.. However, the Examiner has indicated Claims 5-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 5. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 6 and 13 have been amended to remove their dependency from canceled claim 5 and to depend from newly amended Claim 1. Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 27 has been cancelled. Claims 28-30 and 32 have been amended to remove their dependency from canceled claim 27.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely Claims 1-4, 6-26 and 28-32 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

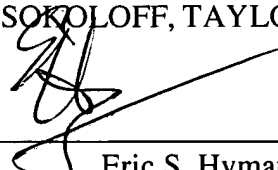
37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and in connection with the Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully petitions Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to April 13, 2006. Attached is a check in the amount of \$120 to cover the petition filing fee for a 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) large entity. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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